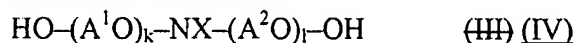


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 as follows:

For example, the compounds represented by formula (II) include compounds represented by the following formula ~~(III)~~ (IV):



wherein A^1 and A^2 independently represent a C2 to C3 alkylene group, X represents a hydrogen atom or $-(\text{A}^3\text{O})_j-\text{OH}$ (A^3 is a C2 to C3 alkylene group), and j, k and l independently represent 1 to 10, preferably 1 to 5, more preferably 1 to 2[[]].

glycerin,

polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 1 to 30, and

sorbitol.